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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Non-Final Rejection filed on November 23, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 7-9, 11, 12, 15-25 and 27-29 now renumbered as 1-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |


 WILLIAM THOMSON
 SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the Amendment filed on November 23, 2007. Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11-12, 15-25, and 27-29 are pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment, to enter Amendment received on February 8, 2008, was given in a telephone interview with Himanshu S. Amin (Reg. No. 40,894) on February 6, 2008.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment, to enter Supplemental Amendment received on February 11, 2008, was given in a telephone interview with David Grillo (Reg. No. 52,970) on February 11, 2008.

The claims have been amended as specified by Applicant in the facsimile Amendment dated February 8, 2008 and Supplemental Amendment dated February 11, 2008 which are attached hereto.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, specifically United States Patent Application Publication 2001/0044904 A1 to Berg et al. in view of United States Patent 5,390,301 to Scherf and further in view of "Exploiting Software Interfaces for Performance Measurement" by Konkin et al. does not expressly teach or render obvious the invention as recited in independent claims 1, 11, 19, 21 and 27. As to claims 1-4, 7-9, 11-12, 15-25, and 27-29, the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the limitations as recited in claims 1, 11, 19, 21 and 27, a thunk component that replaces at least one address associated with a kernel-mode service in a driver component's import address table with an address of the context component so as to redirect flow of execution from the kernel-mode service to the context component, wherein the thunk component links the context component to the common shim component; and a diagnostic component that can engage in a probabilistic analysis based on cost of making an incorrect diagnosis and selecting a wrong shim weighed against benefit of correction, when taken in the context of the claims as a whole.

Moreover, evidence for modifying the prior art teachings by one of ordinary skill level in the art was not uncovered so as to result in the invention as recited in claims 1, 11, 19, 21 and 27.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONTACT INFORMATION

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KimbleAnn Verdi whose telephone number is (571) 270-1654. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm EST..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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February 11, 2008
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